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Dear Sir/Madam

NY/2023/0145/FUL Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the Proposed upgrading works to the existing above and below ground combined drainage system to include new below ground surface water attenuation tank and upgrades to existing foul water treatment plant. Further additional proposed works include erection of a new external bin store and new external containerised plant room. on land at Welburn Hall School, Back Lane, Welburn, Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, YO62 7HQ

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens. The Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

We responded on 25th January 2023 to:

NY/2022/0280/FUL Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the Erection of 2no. temporary single storey classroom units (165m² each) with associated works including external ramp, steps and landings, 8no wall mounted external lighting units, and temporary hard and soft landscaping. Formation of 22no. temporary car parking spaces with associated external works including timber knee rail fence to be placed on site for 3 years. on land at Welburn Hall School, Back Lane, Welburn, Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, YO62 7HQ

However we have been unable to find the current consultation **NY/2023/0145/FUL** on your website.

We are unlikely to have expertise to advise on the drainage system unless it impacts on the gardens and designed landscape at Welburn Hall. However, the additional works may have an impact, but we are unable to find the documents to give advice.

We would like to point out that the site of Welburn Hall School has an interesting history and pre-Reformation was a retreat for the monks of Rievaulx Abbey. The 17th-century Welburn Hall was sketched by Samuel Buck - <https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/welburn-hall> and features in his Yorkshire Sketchbook c. 1720, see Ref. 1 below. This view to the south shows topiary near the house with an avenue of deciduous trees running parallel to the building. We understand that part of Welburn Hall was pulled down in the late 19th century and the rest remodelled by the important York

architect Walter Brierley, see Ref 2 below for The Builder 18 May 1901, but suffered damage by fire in 1931 and subsequently altered. It became a school in the 1950's.

The historic park and garden at Welburn Hall are not currently included on the Historic England Register of Parks and Gardens but nevertheless are of historic interest and make a significant and very pleasing contribution to the setting of the Hall (listed grade II) and a number of other listed buildings including the north-western lodge, stable block, garden pavilion and sundial. We have not visited the site and the YGT has not done any detailed archive research. However, the 19th century OS maps give some indication of the evolution of the site.

OS 6":1mile Yorkshire Sheet 90 surveyed 1853, published 1856 does not show trees alongside drives north and east of the Hall.

OS 25":1mile Yorkshire XC.6 surveyed 1891, published 1893 is the earlier building and does not show trees to the north or east of the Hall.

OS 25":1mile Yorkshire XC.6 revised 1910, published 1912 is the earliest OS map featuring the drive in its present position immediately north-west of the Hall flanked by conifers in what seems to be their current position forming an avenue. The landscape north/north-west of the Hall and the main drive is

As we noted in our letter of 25th January 2023, every effort should be made to carefully restore the historic integrity, special character and significance of the setting of Welburn Hall and its designed grounds. These no doubt add to the aesthetic and historic quality of the experience for those who study and work there.

Yours sincerely,

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REFS:

1. Samuel Buck and his brother Nathaniel (fl.1724-1759) were prolific topographers, producing views of ruins and prospects of 'Cities, Sea-ports and Capital Towns' throughout England and Wales which they published between c.1720 and c.1750

The Yorkshire Sketchbook, now held in the [Lansdowne Manuscript](#) collection, was compiled during several tours of Yorkshire commissioned by John Warburton (1682-1759), a herald and antiquary who was producing a county history. The drawings and views are a useful historical record of the time.

A facsimile of the sketchbook was produced by Wakefield Historical Publications in 1979 and 'Welburn Hall The Seat of Gibson Esqr to the South' is featured on pp302-3.

2. The Builder 18 May 1901 notes that a timber-built manor house occupied the site of the 'new wing which up to the Reformation was used as a retreat for the monks of Rievaulx Abbey. In 1901 part of the old moat remained. The 'old wing' was built in 1609 for Sir Thomas Robinson who was Member of Parliament for Scarborough.